
Introduced by Senator Chesbro

February 5, 2003

An act to amend Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code, relating to vehicles.

LEGISLATIVE COUNSEL'S DIGEST

SB 127, as introduced, Chesbro. Vehicles: limitations of access.

Existing law exempts from established limitations of access, licensed carriers of livestock when engaged in travel necessary and incidental to the shipment of livestock on specified portions of State Highway Route 101. This exemption is repealed on January 1, 2004.

This bill would delete certain obsolete language and would delete the January 1, 2004, repeal date, thereby continuing the exemption indefinitely.

Vote: majority. Appropriation: no. Fiscal committee: yes. State-mandated local program: no.

The people of the State of California do enact as follows:

1 SECTION 1. Section 35401.7 of the Vehicle Code is amended
2 to read:
3 35401.7. (a) The limitations of access specified in
4 subdivision (d) of Section 35401.5 do not apply to licensed carriers
5 of livestock when those carriers are directly enroute to or from a
6 point of loading or unloading of livestock on those portions of
7 State Highway Route 101 located in the Counties of Del Norte,
8 Humboldt, and Mendocino from its junction with State Highway
9 Route 1 near Leggett north to the Oregon border, if the travel is
10 necessary and incidental to the shipment of the livestock.

1 (b) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply
2 unless all of the following conditions are met:

3 (1) The length of the truck tractor, in combination with the
4 semitrailer used to transport the livestock, does not exceed a total
5 of 70 feet.

6 (2) The distance from the kingpin to the rearmost axle of the
7 semitrailer does not exceed 40 feet.

8 (c) The exemption allowed under this section does not apply to
9 travel conducted on the day prior to, or on the day of, any federally
10 recognized holiday.

11 ~~(d) (1) The Department of the California Highway Patrol, in~~
12 ~~consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall conduct~~
13 ~~an initial study of the effect that the exemption provided under this~~
14 ~~section has on public safety. The findings of that study shall be~~
15 ~~reported to the Legislature on or before July 1, 2001.~~

16 ~~(2) The Department of the California Highway Patrol, in~~
17 ~~consultation with the Department of Transportation, shall conduct~~
18 ~~a comprehensive study of the effect that the exemption provided~~
19 ~~under this section has on public safety during the entire effective~~
20 ~~period of the exemption, commencing on January 1, 1999. The~~
21 ~~findings of the study required under this paragraph shall be~~
22 ~~reported to the Legislature on or before May 1, 2003.~~

23 ~~(e) This section shall remain in effect only until January 1,~~
24 ~~2004, and as of that date is repealed, unless a later enacted statute,~~
25 ~~that is enacted before January 1, 2004, deletes or extends that date.~~